MONROE.

A NEW VOLUME IN THE EDITION OF HIS PAPERS.

THE WRITINGS OF JAMES MONROE. Including a Collection of His Public and Private Papers and Correspondence. Now for the First Time Printed. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton. Volume II (1794-1796). Octavo, pp. xviii, 494. G. P. Putnam's Sons.

This second volume of Mr. Hamilton's edition of Monroe's writings includes letters written between the middle of June, 1794, and the beginning of May, 1796. During that time Monroe was Minister to France, and most of his correspondence relates to his official duties and acts or to the stirring political events of which he was a witness. The letters are addressed to the Secretary of State, to the French authorities with whom he transacted diplomatic business and to Jefferson, Madison, Washington and others. For the most part they require but little annotation, but where this is needed the editor has added footnotes that are uniformly judicious and helpful.

Monroe reached Paris soon after the fall and death of Robespierre, and his comments upon this event and the subsequent course of the Revolution are instructive and readable. It cannot be said, however, that they are particularly vigorous or weighty. One would suppose that a statesman of his character and political antecedents must be deeply stirred by the extraordinary events that were occurring about him, and be moved to a profound study of their causes and tendencies. Of any such effect of his experiences, however, there is no evidence either in his style or in the nature of his reflections upon men and events. The former is staid and placid, and the latter, though often sound realized in the remotest degree the portentous upon it impossible. Of the passages which deal with his diplomatic

duties the most interesting are those that relate effect upon the attitude of France. Monroe was entirely convinced that both the interests and the honor of the United States would be best served by maintaining a close alliance with France, and he had made no secret of this conviction in his communications to the French Government. The latter, on the other hand, was, naturally, particularly opposed to anything in the nature of an alliance between Great Britain and the United States. Accordingly when the first exaggerated reports of the results of Jay's mission reached Paris there was a good deal of wrath in the Committee of Public Safety and of consternation in the mind of the American Minister. Unfortunately, the Administration had failed to take Monroe into its confidence with regard to the treaty, and Jay also, with a scantiness of courtesy verging on insult, declined to give him any information on the subject, except on conditions which he declined to accept. He was, therefore, obliged to content himself with assuring the French authorities that there could be nothing in the Jay treaty that would affect the existing treaties with France, and with telling the people at Washington what he thought of the matter. The latter he does in a letter to Secretary Randolph, dated December 18, 1794, which is, perhaps, the most vigorous in the volume. Of the treaty, as reported, he remarks that to take advantage of the "accommodating disposition in the Court of St. James" produced by the success of the French arms, and of the goodwill of the French Republic created by "the frank declaration which I made in obedience to my instructions in the presence of the convention and in the view of Europe, of our attachment table in the full force of his brilliancy." to their welfare and solicitude for their success, to part the two countries and draw us

LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. Andrew Lang has finished his prose renbarbarous and savage races.

in the current number of "Literature" to the the morning of such a day. "strange fact that under a Constitution which mainly exists to be violated, in spite of a Sua man is guaranteed the perpetual right to his every sort, earned, begged, borrowed or stolen, while he is guaranteed the right to the book he has written, to the thing which he has absolutely created, and which without him would not be in the world, for forty-two years only." Then he goes on to mention that other fact. "that during this limited period the law does not take more, but less, pains to protect the owner of a book than the owner of any other property; that in the case of theft or injury to any other property the law voluntarily pursues the wrongdoer; but in the infringement of a copyright it leaves the sufferer to bring action at his own risk and recover what damages he can. He must, in fine, have perceived that the statute discriminated against the owner of a copyright while it lasts, and leaves him a helpless prey when it expires after forty-two years."

Dr. S. Sorensen, for many years a student of the literature of the ancient Hindoos, has prepared a voluminous "Index" to the names in the great Hindoo epic, the "Mahabharata." It is to be published in London in a series of quarto parts, which, when complete, will form a volume of about eleven hundred pages. The name references are to be accompanied by short explanations in English.

A book of travel in Holland is on the press of Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Its author is Dr. W. E. Griffis, who prepared himself for his work by five visits to the land of dykes.

The same firm will soon bring out the memoirs of the Russian revolutionist, Prince Kropotkin.

Mr. Thomas Hardy is the only English novelist of high rank whose work has not appeared in his own country in a sixpenny edition. Such an edition of his "Tess," however, is to be brought out soon. An adaptation of the story is to be produced in a London theatre next

"At the Wind's Will," Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton's new collection of verse, is to be published by John Lane at the end of October. The dedication runs thus:

Undying Hope, Memory's immortal heir.
To thee I dedicate this sheaf of song—
In darkest hours of thee I am aware—
Thy magic is to make the weak heart strong.

Another book of Dr. Sven Hedin is promised

for 1902 at latest. This is to deal with the al-

with parts of Chinese Turkestan wherein he is

That idyllic "book" of Mme. Grand's "Heavenly Twins," which bears the title of "The Tenor and the Boy," is to be reprinted as a separate story in Mr. Heinemann's Novel Library.

The English edition of Mark Twain's writings which is coming out next month is to be limited to six hundred copies.

The late Sir John Steell, the sculptor, used to tell with great enjoyment the story of a trick played upon De Quincey by "Christopher Wilson was often greatly taken up by things that did not seem to others of very great moment, and on one occasion, while at Elleray. he was entirely engrossed and absorbed in the arranging of a new meat safe, which was hung up on pulleys from a tree in the garden. One morning he persuaded De Quincey, who happened to be visiting Elleray at the time, to come out with him, and began as usual to expatiate on the merits of his invention, while De Quincey, profoundly buried in something doubtless more intellectual, did not appear even to hear that the Professor was speaking. When they got to the meat safe. Wilson, unable to make him listen to his explanations, opened the door, and giving the absent minded philosopher a push (he was a very small man) sent him into it bodily and turned the key; then pulling the ropes he swung De Quincey high up among the branches like a bird in a cage, greatly to his wrath and the Professor's delight.

Another story, repeated in "Good Words," which Steell often told of "Christopher," was of a morning call when he found the Professor raging up and down his library like a roaring lion, while on the floor, in singular contrast to and well expressed, seldom rise above the level this furious philosopher, sat De Quincey deeply of the commonplace. He does not seem to have absorbed in a book. Steell noticed with amusement that De Quincey was in a strangely unand sinister character of the drama which was dressed condition, for his feet were thrust bare unfolding itself before his eyes. On the contrary, into his slippers, and he appeared to be without a he viewed it with a generous but superficial shirt, the want of which he concealed by buttonoptimism which was natural in a republican ing his coat tight up to his throat. Embarking and an American, but which made accurate ob- at once on the business that necessitated so servation of it and a discriminating judgment early a visit, Steell, having concluded, was about to take leave when the door opened, and "Christopher North's" daughter (Jane Emily, afterward the wife of the author of "Lays of Scotto Jay's famous treaty with England and its tish Cavaliers") entered, remarking that she had heard a terrible noise, and would be glad to know what it was all about. Wilson at once accused her of having "sorted away" his money. She denied having seen or touched it, and a vigorous search instantly commenced around the room, where everything mayable (including De Quincey) was lifted, shaken, and turned upside down, in the hope of displacing the lost property, but all without the desired success.

At last, in despair his daughter turned to the bookcase, and asked her father what he had been reading on the previous night. Wilson sentioned the name of the volume, the book indicated was drawn from the shelf, and there, marking the place, was a thick bundle of notes. and a dozen or so of gold pieces lying on the shelf behind; in fact, all his college fees had been paid to him the night before. He was apparently in the habit of stuffing his money in behind the books, and then forgetting about it, or of marking his place with anything he happened to have in his hand, from a piece of bread and butter to a packet of unpaid bills. Steell was very much amused by the whole scene, particularly when Professor Wilson whispered in his ear, as they were on their way to the front door, that De Quincey had evidently taken root, as he had come for a week, and had already stayed nearly a year; a curious guest, getting up just as the rest of the household were preparing to go to bed, and in his dyspeptic condition so anxious to secure a digestible dinner that he insisted on having a personal and daily interview with the The dinner hour, too, Wilson added, "has to be changed from 5 o'clock p. m. to 3 o'clock a. m., if we want our guest to shine at the

into the bosom of our mortal foe, would be an | was of Wellington when he sat to him for the act of perfidy the example of which was perhaps statue now in Edinburgh. The sculptor had never seen before." To Jay he pays his respects done everything in his power to lead the Duke by asserting his "own perfect knowledge of the to talk of warlike things, and thus if possible principles and crooked policy of the man dis- to call forth characteristic expression for the guised under the appearance of great sanctity artist to selze. All his efforts, however, were in and decorum." In the end, all turned out vain, for Wellington seemed, from the total lack fairly well. But one must admit that Monroe of interest in his face, never to have heard of was pretty badly treated, and that his defence either Waterloo or Talavera. At last Steell lost mental strain involved in education, is proved by of his conduct then and later was able and patience somewhat and said: "As I am going to make this statue of Your Grace, can you not tell me what you were doing before, say-the battle of Salamanca? Were you not galloping about the field cheering on your men to deeds of valor by word and action?" "Bah!" said the Duke dering of the Homeric hymns, and they will be in evident scorn; "if you really want to model published soon with critical and explanatory es- me as I was on the morning of Salamanca, then says, dealing not alone with the hymns, but do me crawling along a ditch on my stomach with Greek religion, as compared with that of with a telescope in my hand." This recumbent position, however, in no way suited Steell's plans, and he told the Duke he must submit Mr. W. D. Howells refers with some sarcasm to be modelled as he ought to have been seen on

Fridtjof Nansen says that the scientific report preme Court which exists to maintain its purity, of his expedition to the North is now being worked out, and he adds: "It will make a series of volumes, which I hope to be able to begin the publication of before the end of this year. These volumes will, among other things, also contain a detailed report of all our hundreds of astronomical observations, giving the original dates of every one of them, as well as all other material necessary, so that everybody interested may have the opportunity of calculating them for himself."

expected instalment of Count Tolsions novel. The its range is almost without limit, while its brev-dwakening," which was begun in the April num-ber. The Editor prints three pages of explana-tatin, is without a rival in modern tongues. It The Editor prints three pages of explanation of the discontinuance. It will be remembered that those chapters which were printed in "The Cosmopolitan" provoked some caustic comment on the prerogatives of an editor. It was charged that in this case the text had been expurgated to an extent seriously affecting the integrity of the story, considered purely as a work of art, the Editor being severely blamed for what was described as unwarrantable interference. It now appears from Mr. Walker's explanation that he was justified in everything he did. The contract, from the thing is the English of the cultivated and the English of the ignorant, a distinction so took cognizance of the fact that the question of fitness for publication in "The Cosmopolitan" was subject to traversal by the Editor; and a note from Count Tolstol's agent explicitly authorizes suit the exigencies of serial publication." Furthermore, Mr. Walker asserts that the stipulations of the contract touching the delivery of the MS. were not fulfilled; and how the whole matter was rendered in the last degree inconvenient to him is indicated by a letter from the translator to Mr.

I have just written to the Editor of "The Clarion" (the English paper printing the story) to say that I cannot let them have an instalment of "Resurrection" (the English title) next week, as the chapters 60 to 51 are completely altered, and I have not been able to get the last Russian version in time to get it ready for publication. I had no idea how much trouble and annoyance this story would give to all concerned in fits publication when I undertook to translate it. I am doing my best, for I suppose an artist like Tolstei cannot be expected to think of anything as much as of the necessity of producing as perfect a work of art as can be. In consequence, many a chapter has had to be rewritten three, even four times, I think, often after I had it copied and sent away for publication.

This would seem to show that some of the trouble experienced by Mr. Walker has been caused by the author himself; but he also makes it plain that national jealousy, as in most of the seaports of the world they do already. Of the profound ef-fect which such a change must have, both in-tellectually and politically, we need not speak, except to mention one that may be missed. Nothing increases the insularity of a nation like a general knowledge of its language. When from beginning to end his dealings with the novel bave been complicated by much more than his desire to withhold from his readers anything that might seem objectionable to them. On the legitiof that desire it is perhaps injudicious to a general knowledge of its language. When every "polite" person spoke French every po-lite Frenchman thought French sufficient, and dogmatize. The point has frequently been canvassed, and with much heat on both sides. We believe that Mr. Hardy and Mr. Du Maurier both most unknown regions of Northern Thibet, and submitted with a good grace to rather drastic perceptibly away.

editing of their work when published in serial form. But they both had the privilege—which they exer-cised—of putting their stories into book form exactly as they wrote them, and this privilege is surely within the reach of Count Tolstof. At all events, whatever the reader's view may be as he looks at the question of editorial expurgation in the abstract, Mr. Walker is acquitted of all blame which has been bestowed upon him in relation to the particular case of "The Awakening." We may deplore or admire his general policy, as we choose but we can only sympathize with him in the vexations he has recently suffered, and regret that they have made him an object of unjust aspersions,

A copy of the first edition of Sir Walter Scott's "Waverley" (three volumes, 1814) has just been sold at auction in London at the extraordinary price of \$545. This is a considerable advance on the price of the last copy sold at auction in that city.

A MS. Log Book kept by the famous navigator, Captain Cook, when on his first voyage of discovery, was sold on the same occasion for \$375.

Mr. Frank Norris, the author of that clever book "McTeague," thinks that the novel of California must be now a novel of city life, the "red shirt" period having been ou grown, and it is that novel, he says, that he hopes some day successfully to

forthcoming volumes of Dr. Arber's British anthology will deal with Spenser, Dryden and Pope,

IT WILL BE ENGLISH.

A "LINGUA FRANCA" FOR MANKIND.

From The London Spectator. Mankind will never adopt a single language, nor is it to be desired that it should. The instru-ment for expressing thought must vary with the character, history and mental range who have thoughts to express, and if all men spoke alike 99 per cent of them would be speak-ing stiffly—not using that is, a natural and self developed vehicle of expression. Arabic not have grown up among Englishmen, or English among Arabs. The seclusion of nations, too, from one another by the want of a common tongue is by no means all loss, and we may doubt with reason whether the higher races would not be degraded if they understood withwould not be degraded if they discussed with out effort all that the lower races say to one another. They would be bred, as it were, in the servants' hall, not to their advantage. For all that, a great deal would be gained if the learned of earth could agree on a lingua franca—could, that is, convey their thoughts and their new acquisitions of knowledge to one another in some common togue—and if all merchants and manu-facturers could communicate readily and without effort through the same medium. Thought out effort through the same medium. Thought would be transmitted much more rapidly, and must waste of effort thereby prevented, while the reservoir of knowledge would be deepened by the admission into it of all who were qualified, and who are now cut off from one another by a wall of mutual unintelligibility. The admission for instance of all the Asiatic learned mission, for instance, of all the Asiatic learned into the commonwealth of learning must in-crease its resources and facilitate the production of a larger output. It would be something gained surely if, when a man evolved a new thought or discovered a new fact, he were able

thought of discovered a live tax tax to communicate it instantly to all competent to receive it, without the labor and the misreadings involved in making a hundred translations.

But, granting the value of the end, is it surely unattainable? Possibly, but that is by no means so certain as is supposed. Why should a lingua franca for the whole world be so much more dif-ficult of attainment than a lingua franca for a continent? The learned of Europe had one once in Latin, every man who had anything serious to say saying it in that tongue, so that Erasmus, to quote a single example, was understood in a dozen capitals at once. The polite of Euin a dozen capitals at once. The polite crope still communicate with each oth French, as do all the diplomatists of the including Abdul Hamid, who thinks in Turkish Arabic. The merchants of India, who are peded, like the people of the world, by a multiplicity of tongues, talk and write to each other confidentially in Marwaree, a dialect, we believe, of Rajpootana adopted because the traders of Marwar, having no business at home, wandered all over India setting up banks. Portuguese was once the common language of every seaport town, and at this moment the dialect difficulty town, and at this moment the dialect difficulty of communicating with the Chinese of the commercial cities, who speak a hundred languages, though they all write one, is surmounted by the use of a degraded lingua franca called "pidgin English." The Jews all over the world know and use a kind of "pidgin Hebrew" called Yiddish—a practice which greatly facilitates their cosmopolitan wanderings. The ruiling classes of India, who are more separated by language than their rivals in Europe, talk and write to one antheir rivals in Europe, talk and write to one an other in Persian, and throughout more than the half of Africa tribes utterly divided from each other by unintelligibility of tongue manage to communicate, whenever it is indispensable, by the use of a few words of Arabic. If the learned and the men of commerce could but agree upon a tongue, that tongue would become the lingua franca of the world, and would be acquired in the processes of education just as arithmetic is acquired now as a necessary business instrument. That there would be no insuperable difficulty, and no great addition to the the fact that the Dutch, whose tongue would otherwise divide them from the general move-ment of Europe, already do it, every Dutchman above the peasant and the artisan speaking either French or English, and not infrequently both. There are bilingual cities on most of the borders of the European States, and in the Channel Islands and French Canada there are Channel Islands and French Canada there are hundreds of men who can hardly tell you, with-out a moment's reflection, in which language

are speaking But, then, which language should be employed as the lingua franca? The tongue, we think, must be modern, in order that those who cannot learn readily from books may learn by ear, and also in order that there should be a sufficiency of instructors. It should be one, for the same reasons, easy to acquire, already widely diffused and capable of conveying anything which is capable of being conveyed. English, French and Spanish all meet these conditions, German, Rus-sian and Italian being all a little too local, and of the first three the English is perhaps the one of the first three the English is perhaps the one most likely to be selected. That, at least, is the judgment of Professor Diels, who has been lecturing on the subject before the University of Berlin, and he has many arguments to produce! English, though a difficult language to pronounce owing to our confused method of spelling sounds which, originally different, are now the same, is not difficult to learn, the whole tendency of the language, which has already got rid of genders and inflections, and is getting rid of many delicacies of expression like the use of the subjunctive mood, being toward simplicity. In-cluding, as it does, both Latin and Teutonic words, and thus representing two civilizations, is, moreover, the tongue which has the widest diffusion. Nearly a hundred and fifty millions of men already use it, while among four hun-dred millions more in India and Africa it is becoming a language known to all the cultivated and all who are engaged in trade. Already used in every port in the world, its conquests are advancing every day, while the immense volume of its literature and the methods of English education preserve it, if not perfectly, at least to great extent, from splitting into dialects. A classes can communicate, the immense distinc wide that a sentence will reveal intellectual grade, being more a difference of pronunciation and modulation than of actual words. For all these reasons, and many more, one being the tendency of the cultivated to neglect "the humani-ties" for more "practical" studies, the world will probably adopt English as its lingua franca, the universal medium of intercourse among men otherwise separated by the barrier of language. There will, of course, be no formal decision to that effect even by universities or chambers of commerce, much less by legislatures or kings. International jealousies would be sufficient to prevent that, besides the reductance to interfere with general habits, but before sixty years have passed—that is, before our babies are old men-it may well be that no one in any country of the world will hold himself cultivated unless he knows English; and that any man wishing to rise in life, more especially through comm will reckon his English as he now reckons bookkeeping, not among his accomplishments, but among the capacities an employer would natu-rally expect. A silent process, possibly as little marked from year to year as the supersession of all local dialects in England by the London patois, will make of English the medium of conveying all thoughts meant for all men, and for conducting all business in which more than one country is concerned. Perceptions of con-venience and hopes of profit will conquer inter-national jealousy, as in most of the seaports of

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